

**Town of Georgetown
Regular Meeting
December 22, 2020
6:30 P.M.**

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call:

Council members present: Chris Loop, Gary Smith, Kathy Haller and Ben Stocksdale. Billy Haller is absent. Also attending: Kristi Fox, Bob Woosley, Julia Keibler, Jessica Alexander and Sergeant Travis Speece.

Approval of Minutes

Kathy Haller made a motion to approve the Regular Town Council Meeting Minutes on November 24, 2020. Seconded by Chris Loop and approved 4-0.

Clerk Treasurers Report

Earlier in the year it was decided that police salaries would be paid out of EDIT Fund 444. The motion was made to do that through the end of 2020. We would like to continue doing that through next year.

Chris Loop made a motion to approve paying for police expenses out of EDIT until June 30, 2021 and then he would like to reconvene after the second quarter. Seconded by Gary Smith and approved 4-0.

Diane Lilly submitted a mileage reimbursement report. The amount is \$16.41. In July she went to Floyd County and in August she went to Floyd County again.

Gary Smith made a motion to approve Diane Lilly's mileage reimbursement report for \$16.41. Seconded by Ben Stocksdale and approved 4-0.

Pay Application #1 from Temple & Temple for \$66,535.33 for the Basketball Courts.

Chris Loop made a motion to approve Pay Application #1 from Temple & Temple on the basketball court project to be paid out of Gaming. Seconded by Ben Stocksdale and approved 4-0.

Sergeant Travis Speece

Training has been completed for the year. There are a couple more hours of mandates that are needed and they have been scheduled. An online training program has been purchased. All training is accredited by the academy.

All of the support for the year is appreciated. There is a new deck, new car and a security system.

Sergeant Speece said that he is maintaining and doing the best he can.

Public Works

The guardrail that was damaged at the corner of Kepley Road and Autumn Drive should be fixed next week. The retaining wall damage at the corner of Kepley Road and State Road 64 should be fixed the third week of January. Chris Loop will be checking on the mole problem at the park.

Town Attorney

An update on Lakeland Lagoon, we received an order on December 16, 2020 to enter into the agreement and proceed with that. We will need to get a closing agent to handle the closing process, do a title search and those kinds of items. It is our obligation per the agreement to find a closing agent.

Chris Loop made a motion to allow Kristi Fox to retain a closing agent for the Lakeland Estates sewer utility closing and for those expenses to be paid out of the Wastewater Capital Improvement Fund. Seconded by Kathy Haller and approved 4-0.

Easement exhibits are needed. There will be a talk with the closing agent.

Town Engineer

The Catalpa Ridge Front Detention Basin Improvements Project has been finished by Temple & Temple. The grate was not sitting flush on the road and they did come back and fix that. Bob Woosley has recommended that the project be closed since it has been completed. It should control flooding downstream.

The Georgetown Basketball Court Project has likely been shut down for the winter. They will be back in the spring. They will be setting the poles in January 2021.

The Stormwater fee increase will need a public hearing. It will be held by the Stormwater Board. There are two other members needed on the Stormwater Board. Everett Pullen has

volunteered to be on it. Jessica Alexander to follow up with potential Stormwater Board members for the Organizational Meeting.

Tucker Road Improvements will have a follow up meeting in January 2021 with Don Lopp and the Floyd County Engineer. They will be discussing next steps.

Annexations on the west side of town. The next step is to have a public hearing. Do we want to wait until the zoning public hearing and combine them together? All of the taxation issues have been cleaned up.

We will be having a Zoning Ordinance work session on January 27, 2021 at 1:00 P.M. at the Sheriff's Training Room. There should be good representation there. Bob Woosley will be sending out invites.

On Catalpa Ridge there was thought of abandoning the right of way. There was no action taken on it. What are the next steps? The people that want the right of way must petition the Town and have been informed of the process. Up to this point, we have not received anything from them. There is nothing for us to do.

A handout was provided with the Old Town Hall Parking Lot Improvements. There is a landscape plan that is all by itself. It is laid out to meet all of the code requirements. There are some nice ornamental features with ornamental shrubbery, hydrangeas and others to provide a buffer for Roy Street and to buffer the parking lot from State Road 64. We are going to proceed unless the Town Council would like something different. Small native trees should be included.

The parking lot today has two lights that are security lights, not street lights. We can leave those poles and put proper LED fixtures there or we can consider a new technology like Novaparke. They are using solar lights and no longer have a utility bill. A decision does not have to be made tonight.

Do we want to keep the current poles or put-up decorative poles? We could have this bid as an alternate option. Chris Loop would like to move forward with the nice poles. The lighting was only going to be on the east side of the parking lot and let whoever utilizes the building make their own decision. The price should be comparable for either solar or electric. Gary Smith would like to have new poles.

We have received preliminary approval from INDOT for the crosswalk with the flashing signal. The plan shows a rough location of the landscaping plan. We are going to open the quotes at the January meeting. Changes and comments can still be made. A patio area will be located next to the building. The project will really enhance the building.

We will need some kind of public parking ordinance that will address the lot. This should be done after the improvements have been made and a tenant is there.

Chris Loop made a motion to amend the motion to approve Pay Application #1 from Temple and Temple. It should be paid out of the Waterwork Proceeds Fund 480. That was the original intent. Seconded by Gary Smith and approved 4-0.

Chris Loop has met with the new owners of the bakery last week. They are going to open up their drive-thru soon. They would like to get permission from the Town Council to be able to stripe the drive-thru lane around the building. The drive-thru entrance will start on the west side of the building and come around. It is technically our parking lot.

They have a sign and a speaker box on order. It will be installed in the concrete that is on their property. Once the installation has taken place, they will then work to stripe it and work towards opening up the drive-thru. They are going to hang a little drive-thru sign on their current sign with an arrow that will light up.

Ben Stocksdales made a motion to approve the stripping of the drive-thru lane at their expense next to their building (Georgetown Bakery). Seconded by Chris Loop and approved 4-0.

New Business

Destination Georgetown

Mr. Walk is not present.

River Hills Appointment

The Town is able to appoint one member as a Town representative. Our current appointment is Melanie Douglas. She has done a fine job and has come to update us regularly.

Chris Loop made a motion to renominate Melanie Douglas to the River Hills Board as Town of Georgetown's appointment for 2021. Seconded by Kathy Haller and approved 4-0.

Salary Ordinance

Every year a salary ordinance must be put in place. In November the Town Council discussed a 2% cost of living increase for the Town employees.

G-20-07

First reading of G-20-07 An Ordinance Fixing Wages and Salaries for Officers and Employees of the Town of Georgetown, Indiana For Calendar Year 2021.

Ben Stocksdales made a motion to approve G-20-07 An Ordinance Fixing Wages and Salaries for Officers and Employees of the Town of Georgetown, Indiana For Calendar Year 2021. Seconded by Gary Smith and approved 4-0.

Second reading of G-20-07 An Ordinance Fixing Wages and Salaries for Officers and Employees of the Town of Georgetown, Indiana For Calendar Year 2021.

Chris Loop made a motion to approve G-20-07 An Ordinance Fixing Wages and Salaries for Officers and Employees of the Town of Georgetown, Indiana For Calendar Year 2021. Seconded by Kathy Haller and approved 4-0.

Nepotism Certifications

There are two different certifications to sign. They do not need to be approved just signed by the Town Council. Kathy Haller will deliver a set to Billy Haller.

Appraisals for 9000 State Road 64

The Town Council did order two appraisals of a small strip of land next to Kepley Road and State Road 64. The adjoining property owner is here this evening. The Clerk's office has not opened the appraisals and they are sealed. Would the Town Council like to take the appraisals to an Executive Session to review and discuss how to proceed or open this evening?

An Executive Session has been scheduled for next Tuesday the 29th of December at 5:00 P.M at Town Hall.

Redevelopment Commission Updated Plan

The Redevelopment Commission met to put forward a new plan. It now includes six properties that were appraised and this would allow the Redevelopment Commission to move to purchase the properties in the near future. This has been approved by the Redevelopment Commission and approved by the Plan Commission and now comes to the Town Council for approval. If the Town Council approves it then there will be a public hearing.

R-20-14

Reading of R-20-14 A Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Georgetown, Indiana, Approving an Amendment of the Declaratory Resolution and Economic Development Plan for the Georgetown Economic Development Area.

Ben Stocksdales made a motion to approve R-20-14 A Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Georgetown, Indiana, Approving an Amendment of the Declaratory Resolution and Economic Development Plan for the Georgetown Economic Development Area. Seconded by Chris Loop and approved 4-0.

Approval of IFA Submission #3

The final round of the Coronavirus Relief Fund Reimbursement that we have to approve is for \$9,172.84.

Chris Loop made a motion that we approve Indiana Finance Authority Submission #3 for Covid Relief and for the Town to receive those funds back for reimbursement. Seconded by Ben Stocksdale and approved 4-0.

Claims Docket

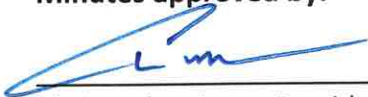
Gary Smith made a motion to approve the claims docket. Seconded by Ben Stocksdale and approved 4-0.

The Organizational Meeting is to be held at the first meeting, January 19, 2021 at the Optimist Club at the regular months meeting.

Adjournment

Gary Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Kathy Haller and approved 4-0.

Minutes approved by:



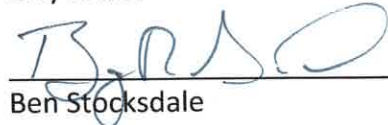
Christopher Loop, President



Gary Smith, Vice President

Kathy Haller

Billy Haller



Ben Stocksdale

Attest:



Julia Keibler, Clerk Treasurer